Complaints received against the M.S.K Mills, Ltd., Gulbarga

*Q.—117. Sri GANGADHAR NAMOSHI (Gulbarga).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have received any complaints (*i*) mismanagement, or (*ii*) violation of the provisions of the enactments like the Provident Funds Act, etc., by the M.S.K. Mills Ltd., Gulbarga;

(*b*) whether they have investigated into the complaints and if so, the results thereof;

(*c*) whether the present financial position of the Mills is good and if not, whether they propose to give any help or loan to the said Mills?

A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Labour, Housing and Transport).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (*i*) All complaints received under the Industrial Disputes Act have been admitted into conciliation and disposed of by referring the same for adjudication.

(*ii*) Provident Fund Commissioner has already launched prosecution against the management for contravention of the provisions under Section 14 of the Act and para 76 of the Scheme, and the cases are pending. Further, Revenue recovery proceedings under Section 8 of the Act are also in progress.

(*c*) No information is available, since it is a Joint Stock Company in which the State Government do not own any shares. Government are considering the question of acquiring a controlling interest in the factory in order to safeguard the interests of labour and clear the outstanding amounts due to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner and to recoup the amounts so advanced from the profits of the company.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗಂಗಾಧರ ನಾಮೋಷಿ.—ಪ್ರಾವಿಡೆಂಟ್ ಫಂಡ್ ಎಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಬಾಕಿ ನಿಂತಿದೆ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—From November 1959 to January 1962.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗಂಗಾಧರ ನಾಮೋಷಿ.—ಪ್ರಾವಿಡೆಂಟ್ ಫಂಡ್ ಕಾಂಟ್ರಿಬ್ಯೂಷನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲದ್ದರಿಂದ ಕಾನೂನಿನ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಪ್ರಾಸಿಕ್ಯೂಷನ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಅನುಮತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ ವೆಂಬುದು ನಿಜವೆ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—To give or not to give permission does not arise. If the Officer in charge wants to prosecute, the Government has no objection.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಈ ವಿಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರಿದ್ದಾರೆ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—About three thousand.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಅವರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಮಯ ದಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸವಿಲ್ಲ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—They are working.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—I would like to know whether the Government is aware that the workers there have not received wages for the past four months.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I have got information that they have not been paid wages for 2 months.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—With reference to answer (c), may I know stage at which the matter is pending regarding the control over this Mill by Government?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—It is under the active consideration of the Government.

Sri K. MALLAPPA.—Proposals have been finalised and arrangements have been made to enable the management to draw the money.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—I would like to know the condition under which loan is given.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Loan is given with a view to have control over the management of the Mills.

Fixing of Minimum Wages in Silk Industry.

*Q.—53. Sri S. RAJAGOPAL (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have issued a draft notification under the Minimum Wages Act, fixing the minimum wages in the Silk Industry some time during the second quarter of 1960;